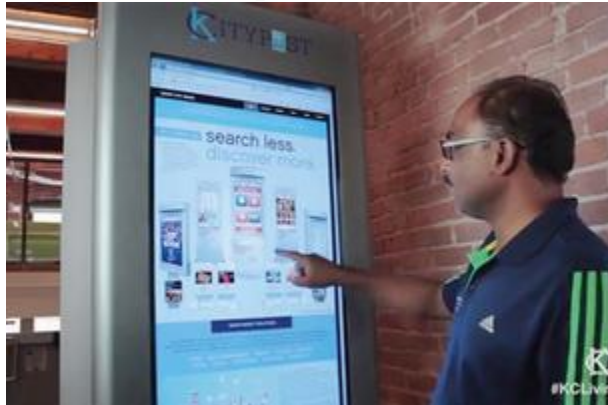


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KC takes Smart City plans to Prospect Avenue

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CISCO SYSTEMS INC. AND THINK BIG PARTNERS LLC

Digital kiosks, which allow everyone to access “smart city” software and data, will be part of the planned expansion along Prospect Ave.

Kansas City is looking to take its Smart City project east.

On Wednesday, city officials put out a request for proposal seeking partners for an expansion of Smart City, starting with the Prospect Avenue corridor.

“We are building a 21st-century city for our 21st-century residents,” [Bob Bennett](#), the city's chief innovation officer, said in a release. “Our Smart City projects will allow corporate partners to field-test emerging technology and concepts in a public service space.”

As with the first Smart City initiative, the project would pair technology upgrades with public transportation services. Two years ago, when the streetcar began rolling down Main Street for the first time, [the city also switched on public Wi-Fi and kiosks, too.](#)

The partnership among the city, Cisco Systems, Sprint Corp. and Think Big Partners led to the creation of a 54-block area connected through the initiative. It

already has shortened commutes with dynamic traffic signal timing and is in the process of testing a "pothole predictor."

The new initiative would build on the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority's [planned Prospect MAX bus service](#), which will run from 75th Street to Downtown along one of the city's busier corridors. That project also will lead to the creation of two mobility hubs at each end, more smart kiosks, public Wi-Fi and wayfinding information for visually impaired riders.

In the long run, officials hope to expand the Smart City program to encompass all of Kansas City. That would require the most advanced technologies, such as small cells, to carry large amounts of data over a greater distance, Assistant City Manager [Rick Usher said in a previous interview](#).

"Kansas City's implementation of smart city technologies has helped deliver services to our residents more efficiently, while transforming our city into one of the most connected and cutting-edge communities in the country," Mayor [Sly James](#) said in a release. "This RFP will ensure that we continue to use data to innovate and work with skilled, visionary partners to make life better and more equitable for all our residents. We look forward to receiving many compelling proposals."

Kansas City seeks a long-term contract, which would result in the selected partner becoming manager of its Smart City initiatives, under the chief innovation officer. The deadline to submit proposals is July 31.



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